

COMPOSITE CATHETER STABILIZING DEVICES, METHODS OF
MAKING THE SAME AND CATHETER EXTRACTING DEVICE

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A composite catheter stabilizing device, a
catheter assembly including such a stabilizing device and a
device for removing a catheter assembly are provided. The
stabilizing device includes a cuff having a first and second
edge which is configured to be positioned around a catheter.
The device further includes a first and second end piece.
10 The first and second end pieces have internal surfaces
defining tubular openings which extend through the end
pieces. The first and second end pieces are tapered from
first sides which abut the edges of the cuff to second sides
and the second sides of the end pieces are configured for
15 receiving a catheter in facing engagement. The device for
removing a catheter assembly includes a handle and a head
having an external gripping surface which is sized for
inserting into a lumen of a catheter assembly having a
tissue ingrowth cuff for gripping an internal surface of the
20 catheter assembly within the cuff and dislodging the cuff
from surrounding tissue.

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